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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SCUL, PINT, CE

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CENTER ACTIVITIES IN SRI LANKA

REF: STATE 129642

1. BARRY METZGER OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CENTER NEW YORK HAS ASKED DEPT TO FORWARD FILE TO EMBASSY ON CENTER'S PROGRAM IN SRI LANKA. THIS WAS SENT BY AIR POUCH JUNE 20. WE HAVE NOT STUDIED MATERIAL NOR DID WE KEEP COPY.

2. METZGER IS UNDERSTANDABLY UNHAPPY THAT CENTER'S ACTIVITY HAS BEEN CAUGHT UP IN CEYLONENE POLITICS. IN PHONE CONVERSATION WITH SRI LANKA COUNTRY OFFICER HE INDICATED CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE OF IN-FIGHTING WITHIN LEGAL PROFESSION AND JUSTICE MINISTRY OFFICIALS. HIS THEORY IS THAT MINISTRY OF JUSTICE SECRETARY, NIHAL JAYAWICKRAMA IS SOURCE OF ALLEGATIONS IN PRESS AGAINST LAW COLLEGE LEGAL PROFESSION PROJECT. OBJECT WAS TO DISCREDIT PROJECT HEAD RAJA GUNASEKERA. METZGER SAID HE THOUGHT JAYAWICKRAMA HAD FED SAME STORY TO BOTH DAILY NEWS AND MIRROR BUT DAILY NEWS HAD TONED IT DOWN CONSIDERABLY. METZGER SAID HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT AMBASSADOR'S REPRESENTATIONS TO JUSTICE MINISTER BANDARANAIKE COLOMBO 1517 HAD CONSIDERABLE EFFECT AND BANDARANAIKE WAS ANGRY OVER JAYAWICKRAMA'S TACTICS.

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3. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IVP GRANTEE GAMANI

DISSANAYAKE MET METZGAR JUNE 12 IN APPOINTMENT ARRANGED
PRIOR RECEIPT OF COLOMBO 1517.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ON ANY MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS.
IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION WE PLAN TO CONTINUE BRIEF
ILC IN GENERAL WAY. KISSINGER

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